

Will } In the Name of God Amen on the 25th Day of November
1769. I Thomas Watkins of Bedford County being in full health
sound sense and Memory But Calling to mind that Mortality is
Body And that it is Appointed for all men Once to die do make
this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following
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Funeral Charges be first paid and Satisfied Item my Will is
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my Being Security for him for several Large Sums of Money
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say my Will is that if my Brother George Watkins do die well
and Truly pay and Discharge all these Debts &c. where is

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I am any more Bound for him as Security either by Verbal promise or by
Writing and also that Wherein Michael Pruitt was Bound for him
for the Deliverance of two of the said Slaves at the Day of Sail which
was taken by Exors of Thomas Quills, and keeps my Estate and
Michael Pruitt safe from Suffrance; then I give and Bequeath
the said Slaves &c. Comprised in the said Bill of Sail to the said
George Watkins my Brother to him and his Heirs forever But if
the said Debts &c. be not Discharged at my Decease then my Will is
that the same Slaves &c. be sold or as many of them as shall pay the
said Debts and the Remainder to be his as aforesaid. Here I give
and Bequeath to John Watkins and Reuben Watkins my Survey of Land
in Pittsylvania County to be Equally Divided between them Reuben to have
his Choice first Here I give to Daniel Drushell all the Upper End of
~~my Survey of Land which is to be patented by my Executors that is all~~
Lying above Branch which makes into Felling River Just above the

Island ford to him and his Heirs forever I Rem I send unto my Well
Beloved Wife Mary Watkins my whole Estate Real and
Personal During her Natural life on Condition She pay to my
Mother Elizabeth Watkins five pounds Current Money Annually
Towards her Support During her life - Here after my Wifes
Decease my Will is that is Judith Driskell Daughter of Michael
Driskell should or does live as she now is Unmarried and in good
Repute not giving any Just Cause after I am on her Character as a
Virgin &c until after my Decease In that Case give and
Bequeath unto her my Plantation and Houses In and
whereon I now live with the Land Belonging to it which I
Purchased of Lawson also the Remainder of my Survey joining
Daniel Driskell on Tralling River also Two Hundred Acres of
the Land I purchased of Griffiths to be laid off Commodiously
adjoining the Land I above Bequeath to her Including an outbearing

I have on the Creek also two Negroes Named James and Pessiah also
one Bed and a Desk to her and Hereafter, Item I give to
Absalom Watkins Four Hundred Acres of Land out of the Said
Land I had of Stith to be laid off where he chooses on any Side of
the said Tract also One Bed and One Horse to him and his heirs
forever Item my Will further is that the Remainder of my Land and
Slaves Stock and Household furniture Stills and all things to me
Belonging Be Equally Divided Between and among the Children
of my several Brothers and Sisters together with my Sister Elizabeth
not Married and my Wifes three Sons Robert Benjamin &
William Hall in the Justest manner it can be Done to be
Safeguarded by them and their Heirs forever Item my Will is that
my Estate be not Appraised Item I appoint W^m Joshua Morris
and M^r Michael Drail Executors of this my last Will
and Testament and that they be Handsomely Rewarded

for their trouble. And I do hereby Utterly Revoke and
Disallow all former Wills Testaments &c. Declaring this
and no other to be my Last Will and Testament

In the presence of

Wm Weatherford

John Rafferty

Thomas Sturman

Thos Watkins

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At a Court held for Bedford County July 26th 1773.

This last Will and Testament of Thomas Watkins Esq. Deceased
was proved by the Oaths of John Rafferty and Thomas Sturman

Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded

And on the motion of Joshua Morris One of the Executors
therein Named who made Oath thereto/Probate is Granted him
in due form giving Bond. Whereupon he together with

Isaac

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 Isaac Read his Security Entered into and acknowledged their Bond in
 the Penalty of Three thousand pounds for the Said Executor due and
 faithful Administration of the Said Decedents Estate and perform-
 ance of his Will Liberty being Reserved the other, therein Named to Join
 in the Probate thereof when he shall think fit.

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Robert Alexander D.C.C.

Callaways
 Inventory }

Nov^r 26th 1767

An Inventory of the Estate of James Callaway Decd.
 Appraised by Jacob Anderson Shearwood Teddy & Zachariah Morris
 For the Executors
 1 Table 2/6 1 Books 12/6 1 Smoothing Iron 2/6 1 Lⁿ 5 - 6
 6 Bottles 2/3 3 Stone Gages 7/6 20 1/3 1 Razor and Bone 2/9 1 Oil 14 - 6
 1 Spice Mortar 5/ 1 pr Shears 1/2 1 pr Horse Tether 1/ - 0 - 7 - 3
 1 pr Band Bellows 1/3 2 Trunks 4/ 1 Comb 1/3 1 Hair Fork 2/6 - 0 - 9 - 0
 1 Rifle Gun and a Pistol 50/ 1 Heavy Comb and Brush 21 sh. 1/2 - 2 - 15 - 0